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INFO AMEMBASSY ADDIS ABABA

AMEMBASSY DAR ES SALAAM

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SUBJECT: SAVIMBI INDICATES UNITA READY TO MEET MPLA IN KAMPALA

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1. JONAS SAVIMBI OF UNITA VISITED LUSAKA OVERNIGHT NOV 1/2 FOR FURTHER CONSULTATIONS WITH PRESIDENT KAUNDA. NO STATEMENT WAS ISSUED AFTER THEIR MEETING. ON DEPARTING LUSAKA SUNDAY, SAVIMBI TOLD THE PRESS THAT THE THREE ANGOLAN MUST SPEED UP THEIR CONSULTATIONS WITH EACH OTHER. SAVIMBI SAID HE WAS ON HIS WAY TO KINSHASA TO CONSULT WITH FNLA'S HOLDEN ROBERTO AFTER WHICH, IF ROBERTO AGREES, "WE WILL GO AHEAD MEETING WITH DR. NETO AND SEE WHAT AGREEMENT WE CAN ARRIVE AT CONCERNING THE NOV. 11 DATE." DAILY MAIL ADDS THAT

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SAVIMBI ALSO SAID HE UNABLE ATTEND KAMPALA MEETING PERSONNAL

BUT WOULD SEND A REPRESENTATIVE. END UNCLASSIFIED

2. COMMENT: PROBABLY SIGNIFICANTLY, SAVIMBI APPEARS TO HAVE SAID NOTHING ABOUT ACCEPTING THE NOV. 1 CEASE FIRE CALLED FOR BY UGANDAN PRESIDENT AMIN IN HIS CAPACITY AS OAU CHAIRMAN. WE BELIEVE THAT IN ANNOUNCING UNITA'S READINESS TO ENGAGE IN DIRECT TALKS WITH MPLA, SAVIMBI IS ESSENTIALLY ENGAGED IN A DELAYING ACTION TO GIVE UNITA AND FNLA FORCES MARCHING ON LOBITO TIME TO CAPTURE THAT CITY.
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